

PROPOSAL

Comprehensive Transportation Services for Amazon Headquarters 2 in Edwardsville, Illinois

SEPTEMBER 2017



September 21, 2017

Mr. Jeff Bezos, Chief Executive Officer
Amazon
2121 7th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98121

Dear Mr. Bezos,

Madison County Transit (MCT) is enthusiastic about the opportunity to partner with the State of Illinois, the County of Madison, the City of Edwardsville, the St. Louis Regional Chamber, and the other agencies in the St. Louis MSA to submit the attached application for a second North American Headquarters (HQ2) for Amazon.

We understand that the diverse Amazon workforce will have a wide range of work schedules and transportation needs. Accordingly, our proposal includes a comprehensive array of services to ensure that workers are able to travel conveniently to and from the workplace, comfortably access nearby restaurants, shops and services within the practical constraints of their lunch breaks, and enjoy recreational trails and green space that contribute to a healthy, invigorating work environment.

Thank you for this opportunity to describe our transportation services, our efforts with the existing Amazon facilities in the region, and our pledge to Amazon, should you decide to locate HQ2 in our community.

Sincerely,



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MCT: Enhancing Regional Mobility for 30 Years

For more than three decades, Madison County Transit (MCT) has worked to build and maintain a comprehensive array of high quality multi-modal transportation services for the communities of Madison County, Illinois and beyond. MCT is an active partner in the dynamic process of developing interesting, livable communities that offer employment opportunities and a high quality of life within a suburban setting.

MCT offers the following transportation services:



Efficient Fixed-Route bus service serving 20 area communities and carrying nearly 10,000 boardings each day;



More than 130 miles of scenic inter-connected, paved Madison County bikeways known as the MCT Trails. These Class One bikeways are separated from the road on former railroad rights-of-way and offer 25 tunnels, 46 bridges and 1,500 acres of green space connecting to neighborhoods, parks, colleges and other destinations;



Affordable curb-to-curb Paratransit bus service for registered elderly and disabled residents who qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act, carrying 300 individuals each day;



Carpool, vanpool services offered by RideFinders, the St. Louis regions rideshare program operated by MCT.



MCT's Efforts with Amazon in 2016

Bringing residents to jobs is one of our primary objectives. MCT has a long history of working with employers, municipalities and institutions to ensure that their transportation needs are met. MCT was equally committed to doing so with Amazon when it launched two new fulfillment centers in Edwardsville, Illinois last year.

In the summer of 2016 when MCT learned about the opening of the two Amazon sites in Edwardsville, STL 4 and STL 6/7, plans were made immediately to extend bus service to both locations. The first day of regular, all-day MCT service to Amazon STL 4 in Gateway Commerce Center was implemented on Sunday, August 14, 2016, one day ahead of the official opening. In the case of STL 6/7, MCT had never operated service to its location in nearby Lakeview Commerce Center. As a result, and because the opening of that site occurred between regular service changes, MCT created a Temporary Lakeview Shuttle, which operated all-day, high-frequency service to and from a nearby MCT transfer point at Liberty & Chain of Rocks.

In addition to operating bus service, MCT worked with Amazon Transportation Planner Neal Abbott to assist with the placement of a passenger shelter and ADA-accessible pad at STL 4. MCT also participated in all of the initial Amazon orientations to educate employees on the bus service, answer questions, distribute materials and register staff for the free ride-matching service. As a result, more than 1,000 Amazon employees learned about MCT's bus system and the RideFinders carpool/vanpool program. They also received both materials and instruction on how to take advantage of these affordable and convenient services. In the last year bus service was also added and frequency increased from several communities in the Riverbend area of Madison County.

MCT's Commitment to Amazon HQ2

MCT recognizes that the presence of diverse transportation services is vital to the success of any large organization. As such, MCT pledges the following amenities and capital improvements to Amazon HQ2 if the Edwardsville site is selected:



- **Dedicated Transit Hub:** An ADA-accessible, climate-controlled on-site passenger transit facility at HQ2 to accommodate bus routes from throughout the region;

- **Express Bus Service:** Fast, efficient and affordable commuter express service to and from HQ2 serving St. Louis, and communities throughout Madison County, Illinois;



- **Mid-day Shuttles:** Mid-day bus routes operating to nearby restaurants, colleges, shops and others services;
- **MCT Trails Bikeway Connection:** A direct paved bikeway connection to the nationally-renowned MCT Trails system, offering inter-connected paved trails to neighborhoods, parks, commercial areas, colleges and communities throughout Madison County;



- **Carpool/Vanpool Services:** Free carpool ride-matching services and a vanpool program, offering low cost monthly vanpool fares for all employees wishing to vanpool to HQ2;
- **Paratransit Services:** Meticulously high quality paratransit service for persons with disabilities who work at HQ2 and qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Recognizing that Amazon HQ2 will be an important addition to the Edwardsville community and the entire St. Louis region, MCT offers full customization of our transportation programs and services to meet the needs of the organization and its employees.



Amazon HQ2 Transfer Station

MCT Transfer Stations are climate-controlled passenger waiting areas that serve as staging areas for MCT buses and driver relief facilities. Since 1993, MCT has developed a “hub-and-spoke” transit system in which buses serve six passenger transfer stations or “hubs” throughout Madison County. For these stations, MCT buses fan out like “spokes” of a wheel, traveling within cities, from city to city to MetroLink and to downtown St. Louis.

To accommodate the new HQ2 site in Edwardsville, MCT will, with the concurrence of Amazon on its design and construction, develop at MCT's expense, a facility that will fully integrate with transportation services offered by MCT. The HQ2 transfer station will include a climate controlled waiting area, advanced transit schedule information technology, secure bike lockers and other amenities as appropriate.



Frequent Direct Commuter Express Service to Amazon HQ2

MCT operates a fleet of buses currently serving thousands of Madison County residents who travel daily within Madison County and to jobs in the St. Louis region. All MCT buses feature the modern “low-floor” design that makes getting on and off the bus easy for everyone, including persons with disabilities. All MCT commuter buses include free wireless Internet (Wi-Fi)

To accommodate HQ2 employees, MCT will create direct express bus schedules to meet the demand, between a St. Louis MetroLink Stations and the HQ2 site during commute hours. In addition, current routes can be extended to facilitate an easy trip from cities within Madison County.

HQ2 express buses from the region’s light-rail system will operate non-stop via I-55/70 and complete the one-way trip in less than 30 minutes. Bus schedules will be coordinated with key work shift start and end times to ensure maximum convenience for HQ2 commuters.

The entire fleet is equipped with front-mounted bicycle racks that allow employees to bring their bikes along with them to work.

Local Shuttle Service for HQ2 Employees

We recognize that busy employees need and want access to a full spectrum of local facilities within the limited lunch and break periods available during the work day. Fortunately, the HQ2 site is located only five minutes from downtown Edwardsville, MCT’s Edwardsville Transit Station, the County Seat and within ten minutes from the University Pointe and Edwardsville Crossing plazas - all which include a robust selection of restaurants, shops and services.

To accommodate HQ2 employees, MCT will provide shuttles to nearby retail, restaurants and services for convenient transportation.



MCT Trails

Nowhere in the region and possibly the country is there a trail system that compares to MCT's 130 miles of scenic paved, off-road bikeways that meander throughout Madison County connecting to neighborhoods, schools, retail and shopping. MCT is, perhaps, the only transit operation in the country that owns and maintains its own system of bikeways, and connects the bikeways with its transit system.


















Over twenty years ago, MCT recognized the changing needs and interests of a growing county and began acquiring former railroad corridors for the creation of an expansive bikeway network as a safe and healthy recreation and transportation option. The MCT Nickel Plate and MCT Heritage Trail are to the immediate north and south of the proposed HQ2 site in Edwardsville, offering a healthy recreation amenity directly to employees and an excellent quality of life, unique in the region, for employees who make Madison County their home.

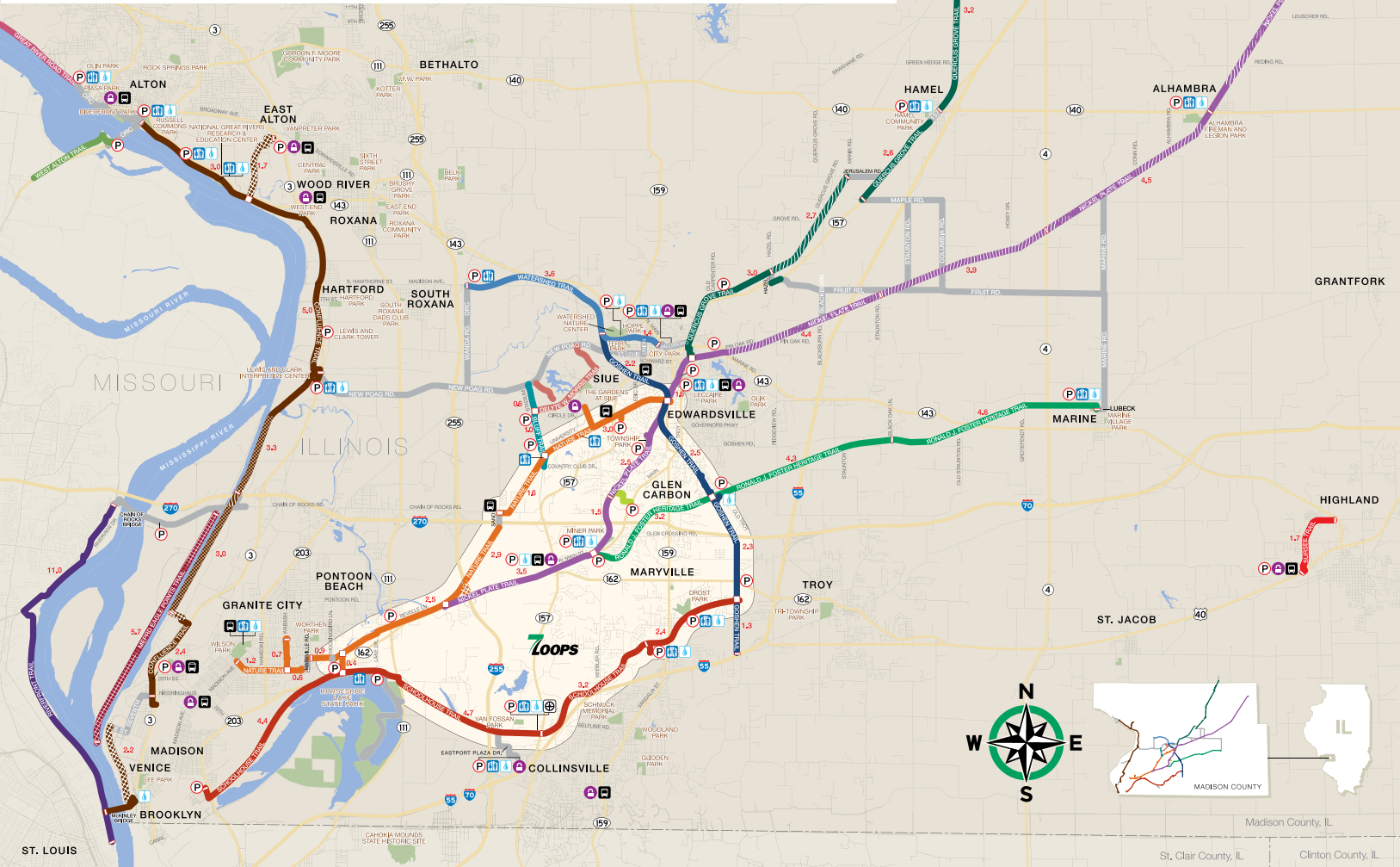
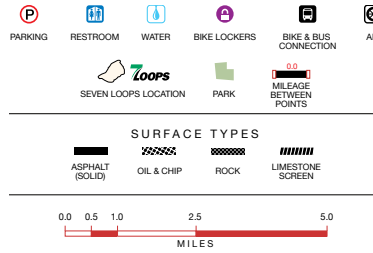
To accommodate the HQ2 employees, MCT will construct an additional paved connector trail between the proposed HQ2 site and the MCT Heritage Trail. This will provide HQ2 employees with direct access to the entire trail-network, an invaluable workplace benefit.

Bikeway Map

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|  <i>MCT Bluff Trail</i> |  SIUE Delyte W. Morris Trail |
|  <i>MCT Confluence Trail</i> |  Great River Road Trail |
|  <i>MCT Goshen Trail</i> |  Heritage Connector Trail |
|  <i>MCT Ronald J. Foster Heritage Trail</i> |  Highland Sursee Trail |
|  <i>MCT Nature Trail</i> |  MEPRD Eagle Points Trail |
|  <i>MCT Nickel Plate Trail</i> |  Riverfront Trail (MO) |
|  <i>MCT Quercus Grove Trail</i> |  West Alton Trail (MO) |
|  <i>MCT Schoolhouse Trail</i> |  On-Road Connectors (ORC) |
|  <i>MCT Watershed Trail</i> | |



Bike & Bus

By locating bus stops at trailheads and placing bike racks on buses, MCT has created one of the only integrated bus and bikeway systems in the country. With buses traveling throughout Madison County, to St. Louis and to MetroLink, bicyclists can journey seamlessly throughout the region.

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RideFinders Carpool/Vanpool Program

For more than two decades, MCT has also operated RideFinders – the carpool, vanpool program for the 9-county St. Louis region. This free ride-matching service helps employees find commuters with whom to share the ride. RideFinders works with nearly 900 employers throughout the St. Louis region to develop carpools and vanpools.

Exclusive Vanpool Offer for Madison County Amazon Employees

MCT and RideFinders are offering an exclusive program for Madison County residents who work at Amazon and would like to vanpool. MCT will subsidize half the cost of the vanpool fare, so that each rider, regardless of their point of origin in Madison County will only be required to pay \$50 per month. RideFinders monthly vanpool fare includes fuel, maintenance and insurance.



High Quality Paratransit Curb-to-Curb Service

Providing efficient and affordable transportation for aging and disabled individuals is an important way in which MCT enhances the quality of life for Madison County. Located at a major thoroughfare for the county the HQ2 site would also have access to this system for aging or disabled employees and visitors. Our Paratransit curb-to-curb bus service provides life-sustaining mobility for thousands of individuals by picking them up at their home and taking them to their destination. This service, distinguished among its peers, is one of the most efficient of its kind in Illinois and Missouri.